

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A key inventory chest comprising:

a) a case having a docking port formed therein and including first means for attaching said case to a carrying element;

5 b) a tag including second means for attaching said tag to keys, said tag further including a docking button, spaced apart from said second means, of a size and shape for lockable engagement in said docking port to temporarily fasten said keys in said case; and,

10 c) wherein said docking button is arranged for snap-in fitting and locking into said docking port and releasable therefrom by digital pressure applied to said button.

2. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case contains a single docking port and said docking port and said docking button are generally mutually planar for complete interfitting thereof.

15 3. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case contains a plurality of docking ports and said docking ports and said docking buttons are spaced-apart and generally mutually planar for complete interfitting thereof.

4. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having

an overall triangular outline.

5. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall circular outline.

5 6. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall elongated outline.

7. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall elongated outline and contains means for attaching more than one case together in end-to-end fashion.

10 8. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case further includes a side loop for holding other keys.

9. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is circular in outline and said docking ports are circular and of equal size.

10. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said first means to attach said case to a carrying element is a belt clip.

11. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said first means to attach said case to a carrying element is a wall mount.

12. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said second means includes a circular wire winding.

5 13. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said docking button is supported on said tag by a spring arm extending therebetween.

14. The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said carrying element is a wall plaque and said case is attachable to said wall plaque.

15. A key inventory chest comprising:

10 a) a case having first and second docking ports formed therein, in spaced-apart arrangement, and including first means for removeably attaching said case to a carrying element; and,

b) first and second tags, each said tag including second means for loosely attaching said tag to a finger-holding portion of standard keys, said tags further including docking buttons, each said tag spaced apart from said second means, and of a size and shape for
15 temporary lockable engagement in said first and second docking ports, respectively, to

temporarily fasten said keys to said case;

c) wherein said docking buttons are arranged for snap-in fitting and locking into said first and second docking ports, respectively, and releasable therefrom by digital pressure applied to said buttons.

5 16. The key inventory chest of Claim 15 further including a second case for interconnection with said first case.

17. The key inventory chest of Claim 16 further including a second case for interconnection with said first case through interconnection of a docking button with a docking port.

10 18. The key inventory chest of Claim 15 wherein said first and second docking ports lie in a common plane passing through said case.

19. The key inventory chest of Claim 15 wherein said case is elongated and said docking ports are arranged in side-by-side order therealong.

15 20. The key inventory chest of Claim 15 further including a label site adjacent said docking port and further wherein the label site may be on the tag.